

Public Chapter 134

SENATE BILL NO. 1187

By Ramsey, Leatherwood, Cohen, Williams, Fowler, Gilbert

Substituted for: House Bill No. 514

By John DeBerry, Maddox, Fitzhugh, McDaniel, Stamps, Eckles, Chumney,
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AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 2 and Section 36-5-102, relative to support payments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-102, is amended by redesignating the existing section as subsection (a) and by adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) In addition to child support, a judge may require the non-custodial adult parent, who is not the legal spouse of the custodial parent, to pay an amount for the maintenance and support of the custodial parent if the custodial parent of the child is a minor. Such amount shall be determined by the court based on the non-custodial parent's ability to pay and shall be in addition to any court-ordered child support. Any order requiring the non-custodial parent to pay an additional amount for the maintenance and support of the custodial parent shall continue to be effective after the custodial parent reaches eighteen (18) years of age if the custodial parent is in high school. Such order shall continue until the custodial parent marries or graduates from high school or until the class of which the custodial parent is a member when the custodial parent attains eighteen (18) years of age graduates, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.